





At a meeting of the bar of the state of Wisconsin, called for the purpose of expressing the sentiments of the members of the bar at the death of Judge Keep of Beloit, Joseph A. Sleeper, esq., of Janesville, was called to the chair, and Chas. A. Wood of Madison appointed secretary.

On motion of Hon. M. M. Strong of Mineral Point, it was ordered that the resolutions of the bar of the first judicial circuit on the occasion of the death of Judge Keep, be presented to the supreme court by the chairman of this meeting at such time as he shall see fit, with a request that they be placed upon the records of the court.

After remarks by Geo. B. Smith and S. U. Pinney, esqrs., expressive of their respect for the deceased, the meeting adjourned. J. A. SLEEPER, Ch'n.

CHAS. A. WOOD, Sec'y.

**PERSONAL LIBERTY LAW.**—The Madison Argus says that a caucus of republican members agreed to support the amendments reported by the senate judiciary committee to the personal liberty law, and that the bill reported will receive the support of all parties.

**A LARGE VERDICT SET ASIDE.**—The supreme court, last Tuesday, annulled the verdict of the circuit court of Milwaukee, of some \$16,000 against the state, in favor of Calkins and Proudfit. The court decided that the evidence ruled out should have been admitted. Also, that the parties having given receipt in full to the state, were stopped from legal proceedings against it. The court also decided that the Argus is entitled to publish the laws under the statutes and its contract.

**ROBERT J. WALKER.**—A Washington correspondent says: "Robert J. Walker has suddenly become a millionaire, by the decision made yesterday in the supreme court, involving the title to a quicksilver mine in California, estimated to be worth millions of dollars. Mr. Walker is proprietor of one-fifth of this valuable mine, and was offered not long ago \$2,000,000 for it; provided the court should give a favorable decision. That decision has now been given, and Mr. Walker, who was, to use his own words, 'a beggar in the morning,' went home to dinner a millionaire. The disastrous condition of the country may, however, prevent his immediate realization of his expectations."

**THE BROADHEAD INDEPENDENT** declares its preference for Judge Cole for associate justice of the supreme court. It says: "No man in the state is better qualified for that office than Judge Cole. His ability, integrity and experience, render him a valuable acquisition to the supreme bench, and the state can ill afford to dispense with his services."

"We are pleased to see that his response to the numerous calls that have been made upon him to become a candidate at the approaching election, has been favorable. The honor and integrity of the state demand his triumphant re-election."

**CONTRADICTION.**—The report that Miss Lane, the niece of President Buchanan, who has taken care of the domestic arrangements of the White House for the last four years, was married, is contradicted. If the news makers in Washington won't tell the truth about so plain a matter as that, what credit should be attached to their stories about more important things?

**SUPREME JUDGE.**—A correspondent of the Waukesha County Democrat nominates I. P. Walker for supreme court judge.

**FREDERICK W. SEWARD.**—Speaking of the appointment of Frederick W. Seward as assistant secretary of state, the Albany Evening Journal says:

"This appointment will necessarily involve the absence of our associate for a time, but he still retains his proprietary interest in the Journal, and when his obligations elsewhere will permit him to do so, he will return to his editorial duties with a great deal more pleasure than he left them."

**WISCONSIN IN WASHINGTON.**—Gen. King, who is in Washington, writes to the Sentinel, under date of the 8th, as follows:

"Our Wisconsin delegation meet to-morrow, to talk over Wisconsin appointments. It will probably take them some days to arrive at a conclusion. The list of candidates is large and embraces the names of many leading republicans. The disposition of our members is to reflect, as nearly as possible, the wishes of their constituents, and to recommend such appointments as, in their judgment, will be most acceptable to our friends at home."

**A** correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer, writing from Charleston, March 28, says:

**THE FLOATING BATTERY A FAILURE.**—Jefferson Davis, who has been expected here now for some days, and will probably arrive to-morrow, is to come, it is said, for the purpose of inspecting the forts, and the floating battery, and reviewing the troops. With regard to the floating battery, a Pennsylvania who was engaged in the construction of it, very felicitously observed to me last night, that "when Jeff. Davis sees it, he'll faint." It is a miserable failure, utterly useless, and only proves the utter incapacity of its projectors. It is no wonder that the public are not admitted to the wharf near which it is moored. It is a laughing-stock with all who are in the secret, and the secret is that, when half a dozen guns are mounted upon a large powder wagon kept dry, as a large portion of the guns will be below the water's edge.

It is the greatest humbug with which the people have yet been deluded, and is, indeed, a fit subject for ridicule. The Richardson Guard was the company detailed for service on this fizzle, and forty men only, Irish and Germans, were drawn for the purpose. A mutiny was the consequence, and the company has been broken up.

**A MODEL EXCUSE.**—A teacher in one of our city schools lately received the following note: "Please excuse — for being late and charge the same to my account."

In the SENATE, Mr. Hutchinson introduced a bill to fix the salary of the Attorney General, and to amend certain sections of revised statutes relative thereto. It fixes the salary at \$2,000 and cuts off outside attorneys' fees against the state.

The committee on the judiciary made a report relative to the Personal Liberty Law. The report was somewhat lengthy and quite able. It recommends that section 52 of said chapter be amended by striking out all after the word "protect" in the fifth line, and insert in lieu thereof "such person against unlawful seizure, arrest or detention." Also to repeal sections 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61 of said chapter.

The bill to exempt \$1,000 worth of printer's materials, which had passed the Assembly, occasioned a long debate yesterday, and to-day was killed by having its enacting clause stricken off.

In the ASSEMBLY, Mr. Keogh's resolution thanking President Buchanan for pardoning Mr. Booth, &c., was laid on the table, says 55, nces 18.

The committee of the whole discussed the dog law for a long time, and acted on several bills of no general importance.

Mr. Graham's bill, to require all taxes on lands to be paid before any paper affecting the title can be recorded, elicited a debate of an hour in length—Graham going for the bill, and Spooner, Rugee and Palmer against it. Ordered engrossed.

MADISON, March 13.

In the SENATE, a long discussion ensued over a bill to enable the city of Watertown to settle with her bondholders. The bill contained a provision that all railroads in Watertown should be liable to taxation for local purposes, which occasioned the discussion.

Several senators expressed themselves favorable to the general provisions of that measure, but were not in favor of it as a local bill. The provision was stricken out of the bill by a large majority. The bill was then read and committed to a select committee, with instructions to report to-morrow.

In the ASSEMBLY, a resolution to adjourn on the 1st day of April was rejected.

Mr. Pickett introduced a bill to amend the Revised Statutes as to fees of jurors, so as to make parties pay five dollars for jurors' fees, in cases in the circuit court.

A number of bills passed, but very few of any general importance. Among the latter was—

Amend the act declaring the 22d of February and 4th of July legal holidays.

This is to correct an error of enrollment which made notes payable on succeeding, instead of preceding day, as was intended.

To amend law of 1850, of appeals, writs of errors, &c.

Reducing the license of foreign insurance companies.

Concerning the liability of inn-keepers.

The bills to amend statute of inquests of the dead, and regulating appeals from supervisors were indefinitely postponed.

From Washington.

[Special Despatches to the Cincinnati Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, March 11.

The special pleading of the late Secretary Floyd, excites the mingled emotions of admiration at its audacity, and indignation at its hypocrisy and falsehood. His eagerness to shift off all blame upon Bailey, a mere dissembling clerk in the department of the interior, while he elaborately defends, in another part of his apology, his over-issue of near a million dollars of acceptances, is characteristic of detected rascality.

Fort Sumter has been fired upon, and responded. The Charleston News of Friday evening says: "Early this morning, between six and seven o'clock, while cleaning out the guns at the iron battery at Cummings Point, a ball contained in one of the guns struck near the gate at Fort Sumter. Major Anderson immediately opened his battery on that side, but a ball being dispatched to explain the circumstance as unintentional, nothing further resulted from the accidental discharge."

The war talk here continues. Leading southern men abiding at the hotels declare it is the fixed purpose of Jeff. Davis' government to have possession of Washington. Any insult to southern commissioners, they say, will be instantly and signally redressed, and the south could take the capital in 24 hours, and Lincoln will have to fly for his life. So goes the gossip at Brown's headquarters of secession.

Wigfall came very near getting into a duel last night. He left the city for the purpose of sending a challenge to Capt. Jackson of Kentucky. The difficulty grew out of the fact, that at a dinner party Wigfall became very abusive of Sen. Crittenden, when Capt. Jackson, who is a warm friend of Sen. C., resented the insult by slapping the Texan senator's mouth, at which he became very indignant. All was peacefully settled this morning, however, and Wigfall appeared in the senate soon after it met.

The first asst. P. M. Gen., who is from Illinois and not now, entered on the discharge of his duties to-day.

Hon. C. C. Washburn declines the commissionership of the land office.

ANOTHER LYNX KILLED.—On Friday last another lynx, measuring over seven feet in length, was killed within a mile of this place by Lewis Gray. Mr. Gray had no weapon but his ax. His dog attacked the lynx, and while they were fighting, Mr. G. struck his lynx with the ax and killed him.—*Manistowee Star.*

**FOUND DEAD.**—On Wednesday of last week, a dead man was discovered on Lyon's marsh, in the town of Chester, this county, about seven miles south of Waupun. His name and residence is unknown. By an unaccounted one dollar bill found on his person, he was recognized as a traveling watch or clock tinker, who was seen in that vicinity last December, and who at that time tried to buy something to eat with said bill, but failed to do so. It is therefore supposed that the body has lain under the snow since about that time, and that his death was caused by starvation and exposure, the legitimate result of some shipmaster banking concern.—*Horicon Argus.*

A new and useful invention in being introduced on some of the eastern railroads, by which travelers can be answered a question with which conductors are much bored, viz: "What is the next station?"

The collection of a table constructed on rollers in the same manner as a counting-house calendar, by turning thereon, places the name of the station before the eyes of the passengers in the car.







